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Town of

SUGAR HILL

New Hampshire

Year ending December 31, 1971

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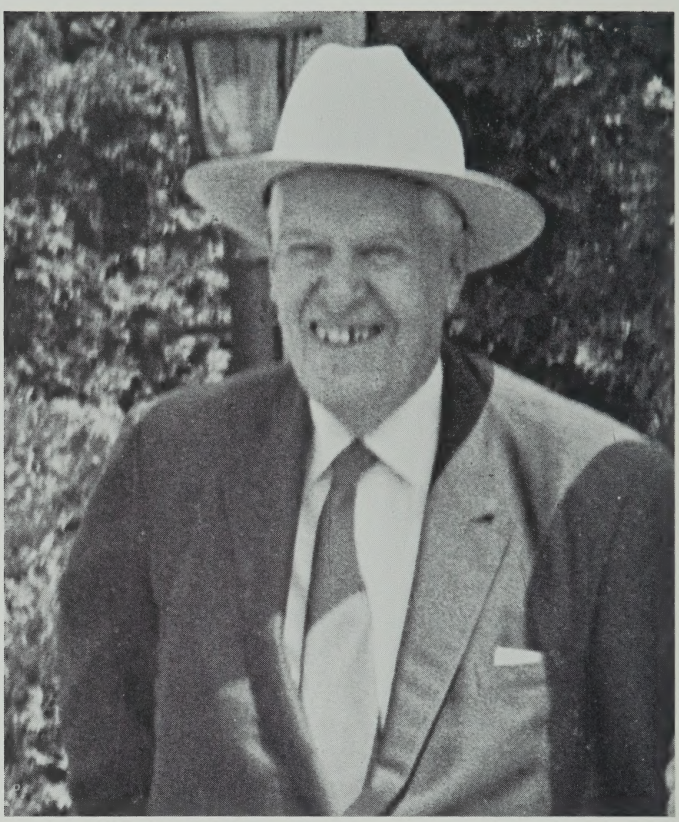

This Report is dedicated to
the memory of

Edwin H. MacEwan

who did so much for
Sugar Hill

Tenth Annual Report

of the

TOWN OF SUGAR HILL

Year Ended December 31, 1971

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR — Enzo Serafini

TOWN CLERK — Edith Aldrich 823-5301

SELECTMEN
Roger H. Aldrich, Chairman, 1972 823-5937
Ross N. Coffin, 1973 823-5252
Donald E. Jesseman, 1974 823-8008

TAX COLLECTOR — Edith Aldrich 823-5301

TREASURER — Raymond C. Martin

HIGHWAY AGENT — Harold Aldrich 823-5301

POLICE CHIEF — Gary Young 444-5953
823-5327

FIRE CHIEF
Albert Aldrich 823-5927
To Report Fire 823-8412

AUDITOR — William A. Norton

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST
Margaret Branch, 1972 823-8486
Dorothy MacEwan, 1974 823-5602
Philip Robertson, 1976 823-5354

LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Lucy Oakes, 1972
Rosalie Robertson, 1973
Gladys Jesseman, Chairman, 1974

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
Raymond Dickinson, 1972
Benton Moyer, Jr., 1973
James Branch, 1974

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE — Mary E. Peckett

HEALTH OFFICER — Carolyn Grass

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Joseph Cushing, Jr., 1972
Benton Moyer, Jr., 1973
Harry Reid, 1974
Harold Aldrich, 1975
Enzo Serafini, 1976

PLANNING BOARD
Eugene Foss, 1972
Neil McLaughlin, 1973
Esther Serafini, 1974
Donald E. Jesseman, 1974
Juna Grass, 1977

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Sugar Hill, in the County of Grafton, and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Meetinghouse, Sugar Hill, N.H., Tuesday the seventh day of March, 1972, A.D., at seven-thirty (7:30) P.M. to act on the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk, a Selectman for a term of three years, a Town Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes, an Auditor, an Overseer of Public Welfare, a Library Trustee for a term of three years, a Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three years, a member of the Board of Adjustment for a term of five years and three persons for a term of one year each to act as appointing authority to appoint temporary members of the Board of Adjustment in case of disqualification, resignation, death, or absence of any permanent member or members.

Article 2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

Town Officers' Salaries	$ 2,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,000.00
Election and Registration Expenses	300.00
Expenses of Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	2,500.00
Reappraisal of Property	3,500.00
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	600.00
Police Department	10,500.00
Fire Department Salaries	1,000.00
Insurance	3,000.00
Damage and Legal Expenses	200.00
Health Department Including Hospitals	972.00
Vital Statistics	10.00
Town Dump	1,000.00
Town Road Maintenance - Summer	12,000.00
Town Road Maintenance - Winter	7,000.00

Street Lighting	2,700.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	5,000.00
Town Road Aid	518.44
Town Poor	500.00
Old Age Assistance	1,000.00
Memorial Day and Town Anniversary Day	400.00
Franconia Recreation Program	400.00
Cemeteries	600.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	1,659.23
Interest on Temporary Loans	1,000.00
Interest on Long Term Notes	500.00
Principal Payment of Serial Notes	4,000.00
Lisbon Bridge Payment	2,595.44
Total Appropriation	$67,455.11

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to purchase and equip a Police Cruiser and raise and appropriate the sum of $4,500.00 for the same.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new Highway Sander with funds from the unexpended balance of the 1971 equipment appropriation and to authorize the transfer of any subsequent unexpended balance to the Reserve Fund. The Sander to cost approximately $500.00.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 for the Sugar Hill Fire Department.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500.00 for new roofing on the Meetinghouse.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to change the Equipment Reserve Fund to an Equipment and Building Reserve Fund and raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 for the same.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to direct a discount of one per cent (1%) to be made to those persons who shall pay their taxes within a period of three (3) weeks from the date of the tax bill.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue as a public way the road leading from the Landaff Road (or Dyke Road) to the Overlook property so called.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply the Highway Subsidy money to be received in 1972 to maintenance of highways.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint such committees as seem necessary.

Article 13. To take the sense of the qualified voters whether the amendments of the Constitution proposed by the 1971 session of the General Court shall be approved.

Article 14. Shall the provisions of chapter 287 of the Revised Statutes Annotated relative to playing games of beano be adopted in this town.

Article 15. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this fourteenth day of February, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Two.

Roger H. Aldrich
Ross N. Coffin
Donald Jesseman
Selectmen of Sugar Hill

Companion to photo in 1968 Report. Appears to be same horsepower machine and same horses. Different task — Threshing grain above the church. Circa 1885-90.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL,

Estimate of the Revenue for the Year 1972 Compared with
Actual Revenue for the Year 1971

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 1971	Actual 1971	Estimated 1972
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	$19,500.00	$25,730.60	$25,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	250.00	287.08	250.00
Highway Subsidy		3,289.20	6,578.42
Meals and Rooms Tax	1,400.00	1,684.65	1,600.00
Reimbursement a/c Gas Tax	500.00	500.02	500.00
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	200.00	190.80	200.00
Interest Received on Taxes	100.00	148.49	200.00
Highway Department Income	600.00	1,049.20	600.00
Interest Received on Investments	300.00	375.00	300.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	5,700.00	6,682.10	6,000.00
Reimbursements a/c Business Profits Tax:			
(Town Portion Only)	884.55	2,674.19	900.00
Surplus:	6,000.00	7,373.60	6,000.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Resident Taxes Retained		851.00	900.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	50.00	77.91	75.00
Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes	$35,834.55		$49,103.42
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES	50,870.44		35,351.69
TOTAL REVENUES			$84,455.11

NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE YEAR 1972

Estimate of Expenditures for the Year 1972 Compared with
Actual Expenditures for the Year 1971

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Approp. 1971	Actual 1971	Estimated 1972
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,000.00	2,010.87	2,000.00
Election and Registration Expenses	50.00	35.00	300.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	2,500.00	2,205.33	2,500.00
Reappraisal of Property	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,500.00
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	1,000.00	465.74	600.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	10,500.00	10,722.01	10,500.00
Fire Department	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,000.00
Insurance	3,000.00	2,830.00	3,000.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	200.00	200.00	200.00
Civil Defense	25.00		
Health:			
Health Department, including Hospitals *	972.00	972.00	972.00
Vital Statistics	15.00	5.50	10.00
Town Dump	1,000.00	528.00	1,000.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance - Summer	12,000.00	11,733.60	12,000.00
Town Maintenance - Winter	7,000.00	6,923.82	7,000.00
Street Lighting	2,700.00	2,670.24	2,700.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	5,000.00	4,095.93	5,000.00
Town Road Aid	594.34	2,776.49	518.44
Library:	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	500.00	482.63	500.00
Old Age Assistance	1,400.00	532.60	1,000.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Town Anniversary	225.00	16.80	400.00
Recreation:			
Town of Franconia Recreation Program	400.00	400.00	400.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	600.00	600.00	600.00
Advertising and Regional Associations **	1,592.00	1,592.00	1,659.23
Interest on Debt:			
On Temporary Loans	1,200.00	1,043.84	1,000.00
On Long Term Notes and Bonds	600.00	500.00	500.00

Payments on Principal of Debt:			
Long Term Notes	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Lisbon Bridge (1976)	2,681.65	2,681.59	2,595.44
Land, Buildings, and New Equipment:			
Meetinghouse (Roofing)			2,500.00
New Equipment - Sander $500, Cruiser $4,000			4,500.00
Payments to Capital Reserve Funds			5,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS			$84,455.11

* White Mt. Community Services $336.00, North Country Home Health Agency $336.00 and Hospital $300.00.

** White Mt. Regional $478.23, Franconia Information Booth $1,080.00 and Ski 93 $100.00.

"Governments, like clocks go from the motion men give them, and governments are made and moved by men, so by them they are ruled also. Therefore, governments depend upon men rather than men upon governments."

— William Penn

FROM THE SELECTMEN'S POINT OF VIEW

There is an ancient story about a famous mule trainer who performed miracles with hundreds of recalcitrant mules. Someone once asked him how he managed so consistently to turn stubborn mules into cooperative animals. He replied, "Oh, it's easy. I just tell them what I want, and they do it." The questioner allowed as how he had never had any good results from any conversation with a mule and asked if the trainer would please demonstrate his methods. The trainer said he would. He walked up to the fence, picked up a six foot length of 2x4, went to the nearest un-trained mule, took a mighty swing and hit the mule right between the eyes. The questioner said, "I thought you said you talked to them." "Ayuh, I do," said the trainer, "but first you have to get their attention."

The following circled and underlined paragraphs are the last three paragraphs of our 1970 report to the people.

Which brings us to our largest present problem of how to finance all of this without confiscatory tax rates. The growth of our tax base has not begun to keep up with our expanding costs which are skyrocketing, due in part to inflation and due in part to increasing demands for services. The increases in our 1971 town budget coupled with the large increase in the school budget will bring another sizeable increase in our tax rate which, quite frankly, we do not feel we can afford. Some of our people who are on fixed and limited incomes are going to be hurt by this tax burden. Not that we aren't all hurt by increasing taxes, but some are hurt more than others, for a real-estate tax, unfortunately, has no relation to ability to pay.

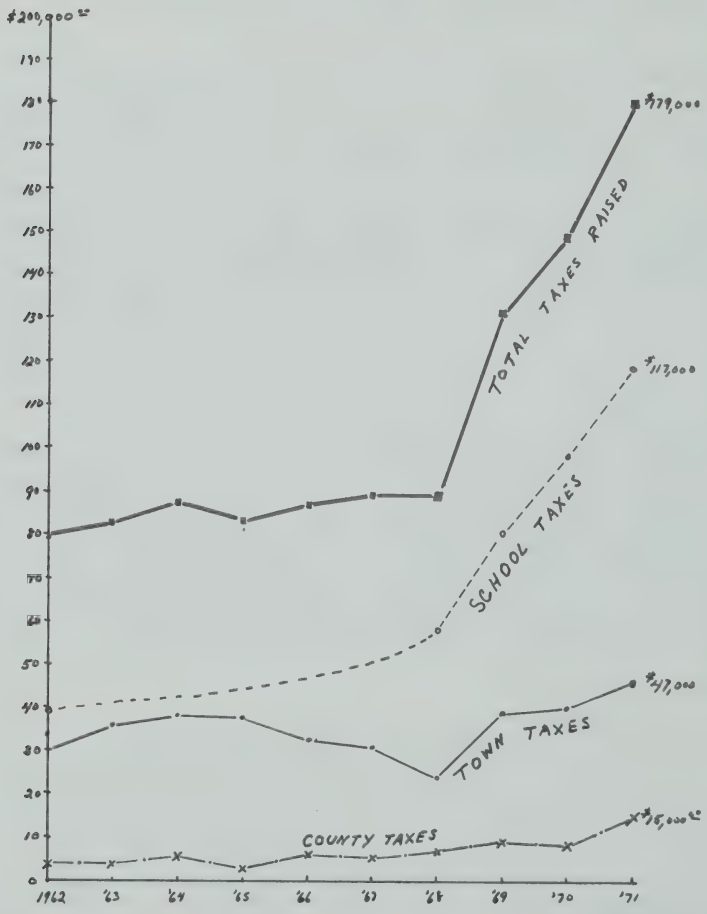
What is the answer to all of this? We don't know. But we think that in order to solve even some of these pressing problems we need more people involved and far less **apathy** on the part of our citizens. To be perfectly blunt about it, we feel that the average citizen becomes concerned with town problems only three times a year: at the annual town meeting for a couple of hours, for an hour after he receives his tax bill, and for another hour when he finds the money to pay it. We base this assumption on the fact that these are the only times we ever hear from the average citizen.

Obviously it is too much to expect that we are going to solve all of our town problems at one two-hour session at the annual town meeting. It is also obvious that it is too much to expect that any part-time, three-man board of selectmen is going to solve all of these problems for us. It is going to take a concerted effort on the part of all of us to solve these problems. Which brings us back to the point of beginning — "Is anybody listening? Does anybody care?"

We don't think you were listening to us last year, but since the reappraisal of property in 1971 it is possible that some of you are listening now.

Before someone accuses us of calling our citizenry mules, let us hasten to say that we are merely trying, with a little humor (?), to alert people to the seriousness of our situation.

On page 12 of the 1970 report we showed you a comparison of the tax rates for the years 1962 through 1970. The following is a chart showing a comparison of amounts raised by taxes in the ten year period from 1962 through 1971. The amounts shown for school taxes from 1962 to 1968 are approximations as no accurate figures can be obtained due to the former split school districts.



Comparison of Taxes Raised from 1962 thru 1971

You will note that the amount of money raised by taxes at our town meetings has been quite stable. In the ten year period the amount for town purposes has increased by some **36%**. In the same period the amount raised by school taxes has increased by about **192%** and the amount raised by county taxes has increased by approximately **200%**. If you really want to scare yourself, try projecting this chart into the next ten years.

From 1970 to 1971 there was a 20% increase in the total amount of money raised by taxes. In other words, if we had not had a reappraisal, **everyones'** taxes would have increased by 20%. Even so, a comparison of our increases with some of our neighboring towns shows that we are a lot better off than we might be.

We realize that many people are blaming the reappraisal for their higher taxes and in some cases this is true, but before you shout about it too loudly you should add 20% to your 1970 tax bill and see just how much it really did change in tax dollars from the amount it would have been without the reappraisal.

Take a few minutes to do some simple arithmatic. Multiply your 1970 valuation by 2.41; now compare the result with your 1971 valuation. If your 1971 valuation is **less** than the result, then any increase in your taxes was due to increased spending. If your 1971 valuation is **more** than the result, then **some** of your increased taxes was due to the increased valuation.

It is useless to single out our valuations as the only cause for tax increases when it is so obvious that it is usually **increases in spending that increase our taxes.**

On the bright side, the necessary improvements of the Meetinghouse have been going well. We wish to thank Bill and Reta Presby for donating the plans for the new septic system, which has been installed. The painting will be finished in 1972. We are using the new chairs and tables. As presented, our 1972 budget is 25% lower than that of 1971. This good news is due to increased revenue and some decreases in spending requests. We have to say, however, that we do not feel that this decrease will offset the increases in the school and county budgets. It will help, though.

If our representatives in the General Court are going to continue to impose manditory programs with costly, strict standards on our municipalities and our school districts, then it seems to us that they are also going to have to find some different methods of financing these changes other than the present form of property taxes.

Please don't heap the entire blame for rising taxes on your town and school officials, for they have been aware of the sharply rising costs for some years now and have been struggling to do something about it even though they have met with little success. Remember that they have to administer the laws of the General Court, like them or not, and that they are also spending only the money that **we** voted for.

If we must find a scapegoat we would do well to listen to the words of wisdom imparted by a favorite cartoon character of ours, "Pogo," who said, "**We have met the enemy and they is us.**"

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land	$4,195,050.00
Buildings	5,188,750.00
Factory Buildings	132,250.00
Public Utilities - Electric	438,550.00
Boats	2,200.00
Total Valuation before Exemptions Allowed	$9,956,800.00
Elderly Exemptions (2)	10,000.00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	$9,946,800.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

1971

Total Town Appropriations		$ 86,704.99
Interest and Dividends Tax	$25,730.60	
Savings Bank Tax	289.08	
Meals and Rooms Tax	1,684.65	
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	19.00	
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	515.55	
Dog Licenses	178.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	6,100.00	
Rent of Town Property and Equipment	2,075.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	43.91	
Resident Taxes Retained	484.00	
Surplus	2,000.00	
Highway Subsidy	3,289.00	
Total Revenues		42,408.79
Net Town Appropriations		44,296.20
Net School Appropriations		117,276.93
County Tax Assessment		15,057.97
Total of Town, School and County		176,631.10
Deduct: Reimb. a/c Prop. Ex. 1970 Spec. Session		2,674.19
Add: War Service Tax Credits		1,750.00
Add: Overlay		3,335.49
Property Taxes to be Raised		$179,042.40
Property Taxes to be Committed to Collector:		
Gross Property Taxes		$179,042.40
Less: War Service Tax Credits		1,559.60
Net Property Taxes Committed		$177,482.80

1971 Tax Rates

Town	**$ .49**
County	**.15**
School	**1.16**

$1.80 per hundred or $18.00 per thousand

Town of Sugar Hill	BALANCE
Assets	
Cash in hands of Treasurer	$76,882.64
Equipment Reserve Fund	2,274.69
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1971, Including Resident and Yield Taxes	7,793.94
Total Assets	$86,951.27
Current Deficit (Excess of liabilities over assets)	626.40
Grand Total	$87,577.67

Current Deficit, December 31, 1970 —	$5,674.95
Current Deficit, December 31, 1971 —	- 626.40
Decrease of Deficit	$5,048.55

UNEXPENDED SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR MEETINGHOUSE

For painting (Bid accepted $1,836.00)	$3,000.00
Gift for foundation work	1,148.02
Gift for sound equipment	255.35
General	596.58
Total	$4,999.95

SHEET **December 31, 1971**

Liabilities

Accounts owed by the Town:			
Bills outstanding — State of N.H. reappraisal			$ 3,358.61
Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations:			
Meetinghouse Painting	$3,000.00		
Meetinghouse Foundation Work	1,148.02		
Meetinghouse Sound System	255.35		
Meetinghouse General	596.55		
		$4,999.95	
Town Garage		142.12	
1971 Equipment Appropriation		1,400.00	6,542.07
Due to State:			
Resident Taxes — 1971 (State's Share)			121.50
2% Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes			3.87
Total Current Liabilities			$77,302.98
Meetinghouse Notes Outstanding			8,000.00
Capital Reserve Fund (Equipment)			2,274.69
Total Liabilities			$87,577.67
Grand Total			$87,577.67

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

December 31, 1971

Meetinghouse Renovation Notes:	1972	$4,000.00
	1973	4,000.00
		$8,000.00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES, FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1971

	Forwarded From 1970	Appro-priations	Receipts	Total Amount Available	Expendi-tures	Balances Un-Expended	Balances Over-Drafts	Carried to 1972 Liabilities
Town Officers' Salaries	$	$ 2,000.00	$	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$	$	$
Town Officers' Expenses		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,010.87		10.87	
Election & Registration		50.00		50.00	35.00	15.00		
Expenses of Town Buildings		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,205.33	294.67		
Reappraisal of Property		3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00			
Police Department		10,500.00		10,500.00	10,722.01		222.01	
Fire Department		4,500.00		4,500.00	4,500.00			
Insurance		3,000.00	97.00	3,097.00	2,830.00	267.00		
Conservation Commission		50.00		50.00		50.00		
Health Dept. & Hospitals		972.00		972.00	972.00			
Vital Statistics		15.00		15.00	5.50	9.50		
Town Dump		1,000.00		1,000.00	528.00	472.00		
Town Road Maintenance - Summer		12,000.00	4,838.42	16,838.42	11,733.60	5,104.82		
Town Road Maintenance - Winter		7,000.00		7,000.00	6,923.82	76.18		
Town Road Aid		594.34	2,346.95	2,941.29	2,776.49	164.80		
Street Lighting		2,700.00		2,700.00	2,670.24	29.76		
General Expenses of Highway Dept.		5,000.00		5,000.00	4,095.93	904.07		
Library		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00			
Old Age Assistance		1,400.00		1,400.00	532.60	867.40		
Town Poor		500.00		500.00	482.63	17.37		
Memorial Day		225.00		225.00	16.80	208.20		
Recreation Program		400.00		400.00	400.00			
Cemeteries		600.00		600.00	600.00			
Damages & Legal Expenses		200.00		200.00	200.00			
Advertising & Regional Assoc.		1,592.00		1,592.00	1,592.00			
Discounts, Abatements & Refunds					6.23		6.23	
Social Security		1,000.00	30.77	1,030.77	465.74	565.03		
Interest on Temporary Loans		1,200.00	56.61	1,256.61	1,043.84	212.77		
Interest on Long Term Notes		600.00		600.00	500.00	100.00		
Capital Reserve Fund	2,139.99		134.70	2,274.69				2,274.69
New Equipment		7,400.00		7,400.00	6,000.00			1,400.00
Meetinghouse	2,068.17	6,000.00		8,068.17	3,068.22			4,999.95
Town Garage	344.79			344.79	202.67			142.12
Payments on Long Term Notes		4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00			
Lisbon Bridge Payments		2,681.65		2,681.65	2,681.59	.06		
County Taxes		15,057.97		15,057.97	15,057.97			
School Taxes	55,382.25	117,276.93		172,659.18	105,382.25			67,276.93
	$59,935.20	$219,014.89	$7,504.45	$286,454.54	$201,241.33	$9,358.63	$239.11	$76,093.69

TREASURER'S REPORT

1971

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1971	$ 30,056.20	
Bank Certificate due 3/25/71	30,000.00	
		$ 60,056.20
Edith M. Aldrich, Tax Collector	174,252.24	
Edith M. Aldrich, Town Clerk	6,872.90	
State of New Hampshire	36,351.31	
Littleton National Bank (Temporary Loans)	60,000.00	
Interest on Bank Certificates	375.00	
Highway Department Revenue	1,049.20	
Champlain Oil Company (Gas Refund)	161.38	
Temporary Loan Interest Refund	56.61	
Insurance Adjustment	97.00	
Uncashed Town Checks	35.37	
Richardson Memorial Library (social security)	30.77	
		279,281.78
Total Available		$339,337.98

PAYMENTS

Orders of Selectmen:		
Payment of Accounts	$262,455.34	$262,455.34
In Treasurer Account:		
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1971	26,882.64	
30 Day Bank Certificate due 1/14/72	20,000.00	
60 Day Bank Certificate due 2/14/72	30,000.00	
		76,882.64
		$339,337.98

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond C. Martin
Town Treasurer

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$40,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	4,500.00
Library, Land and Building	10,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	3,000.00
Police Department Equipment	400.00
Forest Fire Equipment	350.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	5,000.00
Equipment	26,000.00
Sugar Hill Dump	500.00
Total	$89,750.00

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the voters of the Town of Sugar Hill:

I herewith submit my tenth annual report of the financial doings of my office for the year 1971.

Auto Tax Permits issued for 1970	$ 79.02
Auto Tax Permits issued for 1971	6,379.92
Auto Tax Permits issued for 1972	223.16
Dog Licenses sold for 1971	190.80
	$6,872.90

The sum of the total receipts was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Aldrich
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1971

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes	$177,482.80		
Resident Taxes	1,860.00		
National Bank Stock Taxes	77.91		
Total Warrant			$179,420.71
Yield Taxes:			23.22
Added Taxes:			
Resident Taxes	70.00		
			70.00
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes:	19.00		
			19.00
		Total Debits	$179,532.93

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer:			
Property Taxes	$168,319.56		
Resident Taxes	1,630.00		
National Bank Stock Taxes	77.91		
Penalties on Resident Taxes	19.00		
		$170,046.47	
Discounts Allowed:		1,427.62	
Abatements Made During Year:			
Property Taxes	234.90		
Resident Taxes	30.00		
		264.90	
Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1971:			
Property Taxes	7,500.72		
Resident Taxes	270.00		
Yield Taxes	23.22		
		7,793.94	
		Total Credits	$179,532.93

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Poll and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1970

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1971:			
Property Taxes	$3,981.15		
Poll Taxes	32.00		
		$4,013.15	
Overpayments:			
a/c Property Taxes	1.13		
		1.13	
Interest Collected During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971		148.49	
		Total Debits	$4,162.77

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971:			
Property Taxes	$3,981.15		
Poll Taxes	20.00		
Interest Collected During Year	148.49		
		$4,149.64	
Abatements Made During Year:			
Property Taxes			
Poll Taxes	12.00		
Overpayment of Property Tax	1.13		
		13.13	
Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1971:		00.00	
		Total Credits	$4,162.77

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
State Head Tax
Levy of 1970

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1971	$85.00		
Penalties Collected During 1971	5.00		
		Total Debits	$90.00

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During 1971:			
Head Taxes	$50.00		
Penalties	5.00		
		$55.00	
Abatements During 1971		35.00	
Uncollected Head Taxes - December 31, 1971		00.00	
		Total Credits	$90.00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Yield Tax
Levy of 1969

DEBITS

Yield Taxes, 1969	$418.54

CREDITS

Uncollected Yield Taxes - December 31, 1971	$418.54

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
(For acquiring or replacing equipment)

Cash on Hand January 1, 1971	$2,139.99
RECEIPTS	
Interest on Trust Funds	134.70
	$2,274.69
PAYMENTS	
None made	$ 00.00
Cash on Hand December 31, 1971	$2,274.69

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Benton L. Moyer, Jr.
Raymond C. Dickinson
James R. Branch

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

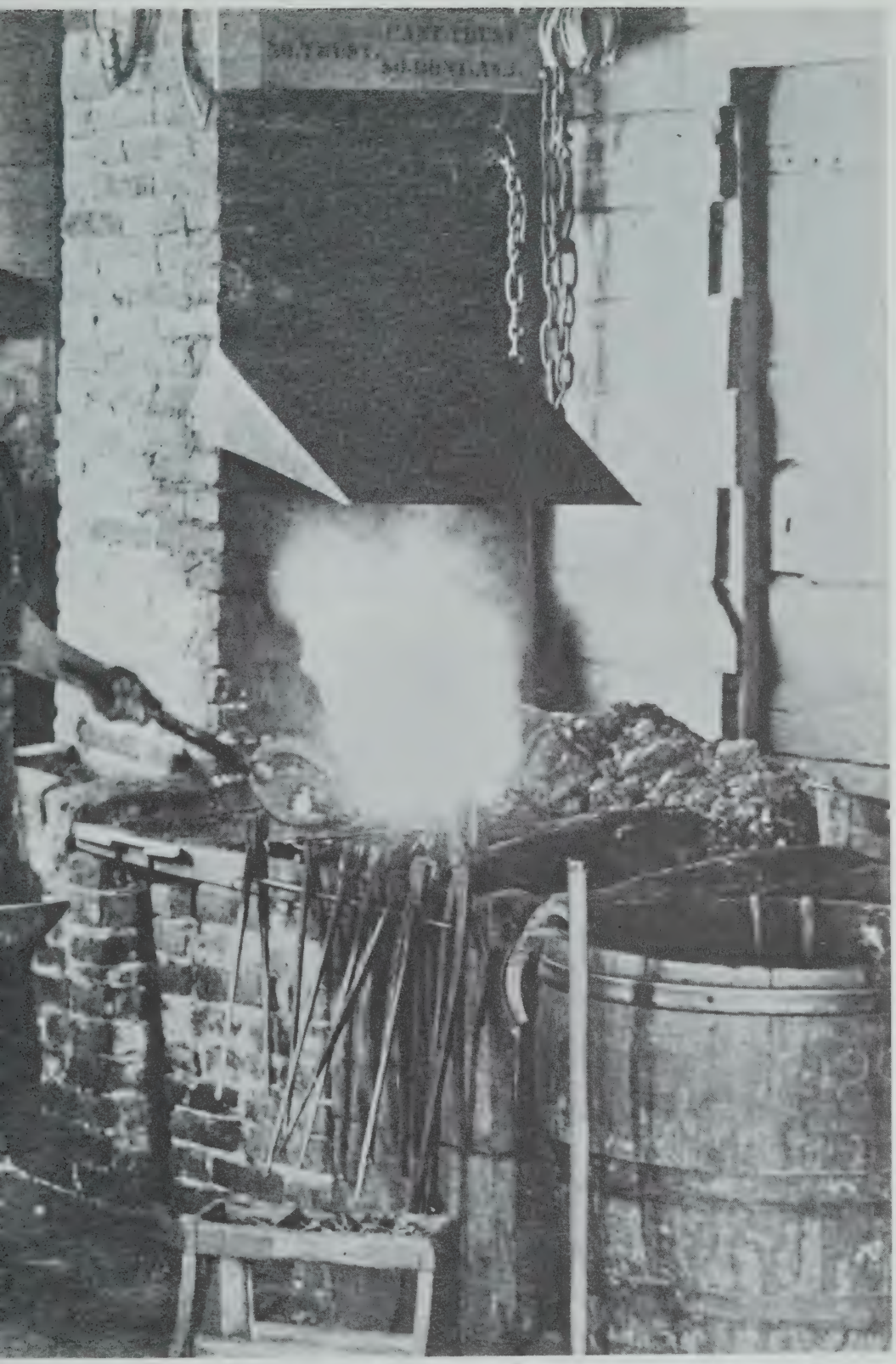
I certify that I have examined the accounts of the town clerk, tax collector, town treasurer, selectmen, trustees of trust funds, and library trustees and found them correct and properly vouched.

WILLIAM A. NORTON
Town Auditor
January 31, 1972

Sugar Hill Post Office. Pre-zip code days. Hot stove league outside for photo. (Below Juna Grass' place)

The way it was.

George Aldrich, in his Blacksmith Shop about 1900.



Shop was located where present Post Office is.

Downhill Racers at Pecketts – 1920's

Intermediates. The experts started up by the shelter.

Uphill facilities for skiers and bobsleders. Rt. 117 between Iris Farm and Lovers Lane.

Note skis tied to side. Photo taken at location of present Historical Marker which commemorates First Ski School in U.S.

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:		
Property Taxes, Current Year - 1971	$168,319.56	
Resident Taxes, Current Year - 1971	1,630.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes - 1971	77.91	
Penalties on Resident Taxes - 1971	19.00	
Total Current Year's Taxes Remitted		$170,046.47
Property Taxes, Previous Year - 1970		3,981.15
Poll Taxes, Previous Year - 1970		20.00
State Head Taxes at $5.00 - 1970		50.00
Interest received on Taxes		148.49
Penalties on State Head Taxes		5.00
From State:		
For Town Road Aid		2,346.95
Interest and Dividends Tax		25,730.60
Savings Bank Tax		287.08
Reimbursement a/c State Gas Tax		338.64
Meals and Rooms Tax		1,684.65
Business Profits Tax		2,674.19
Highway Subsidy		3,289.20
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
Dog Licenses		190.80
Interest received on Deposits		375.00
Highway Department Income		1,049.20
Motor Vehicle Permits		6,682.10
Total Current Revenue Receipts		$218,899.52

PAYMENTS	December 31, 1971
Current Maintenance Expenses:	
General Government:	
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 2,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,010.87
Election & Registration	35.00
Expenses of Town Buildings	2,205.33
Reappraisal of Property	3,000.00
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police Department	10,722.01
Fire Department	4,500.00
Insurance	2,830.00
Health:	
Health Department including Hospitals	972.00
Vital Statistics	5.50
Town Dump	528.00
Highways and Bridges:	
Town Road Maintenance - Summer	11,733.60
Town Road Maintenance - Winter	6,923.82
Town Road Aid	2,776.49
Street Lighting	2,670.24
General Expense of Highway Department	4,095.93
Libraries:	
Library	2,000.00
Public Welfare:	
Old Age Assistance	532.60
Town Poor	482.63
Patriotic Purposes:	
Memorial Day	16.80
Recreation:	
Town of Franconia, recreation program	400.00
Public Service Enterprises:	
Cemeteries	600.00
Unclassified:	
Damages & Legal Expenses	200.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	1,592.00
Discounts, Abatements, Refunds	6.23
Social Security	465.74

Receipts (continued)

Total Receipts Brought Forward		$218,899.52
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:		
Temporary Loan in Anticipation of Taxes	$60,000.00	
Refund - Federal Gas Tax	161.38	
From Library Trustees (Librarian's S.S.)	30.77	
Temporary Loan Interest Refund	56.61	
Insurance Adjustment	97.00	
Uncashed Town Checks	35.37	
Property Tax Overpayment	1.13	
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue		$ 60,382.26
Total Receipts from All Sources		$279,281.78
Cash on Hand, January 1, 1971		60,056.20
Grand Total		$339,337.98

Raison d'etre — Sugar Hill
At Pecketts - 1920's

Payments (continued)

Interest:		$ 1,543.84
New Equipment and Buildings:		
Highway Equipment	$ 6,000.00	
Town Garage	202.67	
Meetinghouse	3,068.22	
		9,270.89
Indebtedness:		
Payments on Temporary Loans	60,000.00	
Payments on Long Term Notes	4,000.00	
		64,000.00
Payments to Other Government Divisions:		
State Head Tax	516.96	
County Tax	15,057.97	
Resident Tax	697.05	
Town of Lisbon, bridge payment	2,681.59	
School	105,382.25	
		124,335.82
Total Payments for All Purposes		$312,455.34
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1971		76,882.64
Grand Total		$339,337.98

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Roger Aldrich, Selectman Chairman	$ 375.00
Ross Coffin, Selectman	275.00
Donald E. Jesseman, Selectman	275.00
Raymond C. Martin, Town Treasurer	275.00
Mary E. Peckett, Overseer of Public Welfare	100.00
William Norton, Auditor	25.00
Enzo Serafini, Moderator	50.00
Edith Aldrich, Town Clerk	250.00
Edith Aldrich, Tax Collector	375.00
	$ 2,000.00

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

N.H. Municipal Association, dues	$ 50.00
N.H. Assessors Association, dues	5.00
N.H. City & Town Clerks Association, dues	6.00
N.H. Tax Collectors Association, dues	5.00
Roger Aldrich	10.50
Lissa Boissonneault, Secretary to Board of Adjustment	36.00
Sandra Doolan, Secretary to the Planning Board	10.00
Raymond C. Martin, postage	14.30
Donald Jesseman, trip to Concord	19.50
N.H. State Treasurer, OASI fund	1.00
N.H. State Treasurer, report forms	1.26
Edith Aldrich, clerical work for selectmen	312.00
Edith Aldrich, postage	67.55
Franconia Insurance Agency, bonds	167.00
Equity Publishing Co., books & supplements	53.00
Norcross Office Equipment Co., repairs	30.00
Edith Aldrich, Tax Collectors & Town Clerks Conventions	147.44
Charles A. Wood, Register of Deeds	30.42
Granite State Stamps, selectmens' stamp	3.50
Edith Aldrich, fees	440.00
Harrison Publishing House, Town Reports	135.00
Harrison Publishing House, printing	282.25
Edson C. Eastman, dog tags	8.22
Littleton Office Supply, supplies	7.78
Branham Publishing Co., books	9.40
Brown & Saltmarsh Inc., supplies	43.27
James Stewart	12.00
Littleton Courier Printing Co., notices	93.48
N.H. Assessors Association, dues 1972	10.00
	$ 2,010.87

ELECTION & REGISTRATION

Philip D. Robertson, Supervisor of the Check List	$ 20.00
Dorothy E. MacEwan, Supervisor of the Check List	5.00
Margaret Branch, Supervisor of the Check List	10.00
	$ 35.00

TOWN HALL AND OTHER TOWN BUILDINGS

Public Service Co., electricity at town garage	$ 100.56
Public Service Co., electricity at meetinghouse	325.57
New England Telephone	205.57
John Aldrich, mowing meetinghouse lawn	10.00
B. R. McCullock, fuel for meetinghouse	593.10
Franconia Hardware	24.48
Edward Ott, meetinghouse sign	130.17
Frank Zuk, starting & cleaning furnace	64.23
Miller Plumbing & Heating, furnace switch & labor	9.50
Franconia Gas Corp., furnace work & pump failure	14.31
Cyr Heating & Plumbing Co. Inc., smoke pipe fitting	22.94
Blanchard Associates Inc., emergency lights	91.85
Morris Bldg. Supply Center	3.10
Marro Tree Experts, tree stump removal at meetinghouse	150.00
Northern Land Service, surveying meetinghouse	53.00
Sanel Auto Parts Inc., paper towels	6.95
Harold Aldrich, custodian	400.00
	$ 2,205.33

REVALUATION OF PROPERTY

N.H. State Treasurer	$ 3,000.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Gary G. Young, Salary	$ 7,326.46
Gary G. Young, mileage	3,030.60
Gary G. Young, telephone	33.74
Sanel Auto Parts	17.76
Newshire Forms Inc., 500 traf-a-grafh	19.95
South Shore Police Supply Co. Inc., hat	12.55
Bens' Inc., uniforms	93.15
N.H. State Treasurer, radio repair	7.50
Dicks' House for Small Animals, cremation of stray dog	20.00
Chet Styles	10.40
Mark Young, Jr.	26.40
Donald Nocky	6.00
John Young	25.00
Paul Clark	37.50
James Cyrs	55.00
	$ 10,722.01

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Department, appropriation		$ 3,394.75
N.H. State Treasurer, 1/2 cost short pump & comb. nozzle		14.25
Franconia Insurance Agency		48.00
Fire Department Payroll:		
Albert Aldrich, Fire Chief & Fire Warden	$ 300.00	
Harold Aldrich	24.50	
Roger Aldrich	44.00	
Donald Boissonneault	6.00	
Charles Casey	10.00	
Virgil Coffin	32.00	
Durand Cooley	42.00	

James Cyrs	12.50	
Michael Cyrs	31.00	
Edgar deSantos	20.00	
Herbert Hunt	50.00	
Selden Hunter	10.00	
Donald Jesseman	32.50	
Theodore Koffman	22.50	
Francis Kidder	49.00	
Russell Lyndes	8.00	
Gordon MacEwan	10.00	
David McPhaul	33.50	
Newell Murray	24.50	
William Norton	26.50	
Peter Robertson	6.00	
Harry Reid	33.50	
James Stewart	27.00	
Robert Ward	20.00	
Robert Wutzdorff	28.50	
Ralph Whipple	24.00	
Eric Zuk	30.00	
Frank Zuk	36.00	
Harold Smith	12.00	
William A. Norton	37.50	
		1,043.00
		$ 4,500.00

INSURANCE

Franconia Insurance Agency		
Comprehensive General Liability	$687.00	
1971 truck	202.00	
Additional premium	10.00	
Personal injury liability	33.00	
Comprehensive General Liability	377.00	
Town Garage	87.00	
Additional premium	134.00	
Equipment	565.00	
Workmen's Compensation, Fire Department	135.00	
Liability Audit Adjustment	23.00	
Workmen's Compensation	307.00	
Classification of operation amended	133.00	
Audit Adjustment	137.00	
		$ 2,830.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Littleton Hospital Association, appropriation	$ 300.00
Lisbon District Nursing Association, appropriation	336.00
White Mts. Community Services, appropriation	336.00
	$ 972.00

VITAL STATISTICS

Edith Aldrich	$ 5.50

TOWN DUMP

Fred Hunt, bulldozing	$ 128.00
Harold Aldrich, care of dump	400.00
	$ 528.00

TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE — SUMMER

Harold Aldrich, Agent	$ 3,639.90
Edward Wessels	1,668.38
Lewis Mardin, truck	284.00
Lewis Mardin, backhoe	72.00
Fred Hunt, loader	384.00
Fred Hunt, bulldozer	90.00
William Presby, truck	100.00
Orison Smith, gravel	57.00
Harry & Fred Aldrich & Ruth Hutchins, gravel	334.95
Agway, chloride	99.80
Crushing Inc., sidewalk	440.00
Tetreault Salvage Corp., culverts	930.06
N.H. Bituminous Co. Inc.	2,964.76
Commercial Credit Equipment Corp., loader rental	668.75
	$ 11,733.60

TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE — WINTER

Harold Aldrich, Agent	$ 3,417.90
Edward Wessels	846.25
William Presby, truck	387.50
Rodney Lyndes	10.00
International Salt Co.	1,060.52
Chemical Corp.	115.40
Commercial Credit Equipment Corp., loader rental	936.25
Harry & Fred Aldrich & Ruth Hutchins, sand	150.00
	$ 6,923.82

TOWN ROAD AID

N.H. State Treasurer, appropriation for T.R.A.	$ 520.04
Harold Aldrich, Agent, T.R.A.	407.55
Edward Wessels, T.R.A.	360.00
Fred Hunt, shovel, T.R.A.	256.00
Lewis Mardin, truck, T.R.A.	1,199.90
Lewis Mardin, backhoe, T.R.A.	33.00
	$ 2,776.49

STREET LIGHTING

Public Service Co. of N.H.	$ 2,670.24

GENERAL EXPENSE OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Franconia Hardware, supplies		$ 47.31
Campton Sand & Gravel, cold patch		123.62
Jordon Milton Machinery Inc., blades, edges & supplies		419.43
Tetreault Salvage		11.06
State Chemical Manufacturing Co., brush & weed killer		202.01
Federal Tool & Steel Co., plow blades		238.30
Hunt's Auto Center, welding, service call, tire change & supplies		116.83
Ross Express		8.70
Hemingway		17.34
James Stewart, muffler		27.97
Sanel Auto Parts, welder, supplies & parts		301.32
MacKenzie Auto Parts, supplies		31.34
Littleton Water & Light Department, compressor		27.27
Harry T. Andross, garage cable		47.00
B. B. Chain Co., grader cross chains & tow chain		145.00
N.H. Explosives Machinery Corp., pins		3.55
Holmes		8.04
Edward Wessels, 60 yards gravel		9.00
McLarens, oil & filters, guards & mower sections		111.27
R. C. Hazelton Co. Inc., pins, bolts, nose, culverts, shoes		179.84
Morris Co., poly film		44.50
Varney Smith, sideboards for new truck		5.12
Franconia Garage, wheel bearings & supplies		123.19
Whitefield Hardware, 2 boxes caps		39.00
H. O. Taylor, oil & filter		15.03
Oxygen & Welding Supply		15.58
Edith McKelvey, culvert		94.25
Johnsons' Chevron Station		27.20
Champlain Oil Co.		1,394.40
B. R. McCullock, oil	38.74	
B. R. McCullock, fuel oil	205.80	244.54
N. C. McCullock, fuel oil		16.92
		$ 4,095.93

LIBRARY

Richardson Memorial Library, appropriation	$ 2,000.00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

N.H. State Treasurer	$ 532.60

TOWN POOR

Littleton Hospital	$ 192.27
Doris Nihan	226.72
Betty Veilleux	3.64
Town of Landaff, surplus foods	60.00
	$ 482.63

MEMORIAL DAY

Lorraine Hunt, flags for cemeteries	$ 16.80

RECREATION

Town of Franconia, playground	$ 400.00

CEMETERIES

Sunnyside Cemetery Association, appropriation	$ 500.00
Herbert Hunt, care of Streeter Pond Cemetery	100.00
	$ 600.00

DAMAGES & LEGAL RETAINER

Wyman Bean & Tefft, legal retainer	$ 200.00

ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

White Mts. 93 Association, appropriation	$ 100.00
White Mountain Regional Association, appropriation	412.00
Town of Franconia, information booth appropriation	1,080.00
	$ 1,592.00

DISCOUNTS, ABATEMENTS, REFUNDS

Joseph Bings, refund overpayment	$ 1.13
Michael J. Scanlon, tax discount refund	5.10
	$ 6.23

RETIREMENT & SOCIAL SECURITY

N.H. State Treasurer, Town share of soc. sec.	$ 465.74

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Littleton National Bank, certificates	$ 50,000.00

INTEREST

Littleton National Bank, interest on temporary loan	$ 1,043.84
Littleton National Bank, interest on long term note	500.00
	$ 1,543.84

LANDS, BUILDINGS, NEW EQUIPMENT

Fred Hunt, used screen	$ 1,600.00
H. O. Taylor, 1971 Chevrolet truck	4,400.00
Town Garage:	
Harry T. Andross, welder outlet	20.42
Crushing Inc., garage floor section	182.25
Meetinghouse:	
Wallace Smith, sound system	369.65
Mainco Supply Co., 12 tables & 150 chairs, 1 table truck & 3 chair trucks	1,584.70
William Presby, septic system	1,113.87
	$ 9,270.89

TEMPORARY LOANS

Littleton National Bank	$ 60,000.00

BONDS, NOTES, TERM NOTES, CAPITAL RESERVE

Littleton National Bank, long term note	$ 4,000.00

STATE & COUNTY

Grafton County Tax, W. Bromage, Treasurer	$ 15,057.97
N.H. State Treasurer, 1971 Resident Tax	697.05
N.H. State Treasurer, 1970 Head Tax	516.96
	$ 16,271.98

TOWN OF LISBON

Town of Lisbon, bridge payment	$ 2,474.64
Town of Lisbon, interest on bridge payment	206.95
	$ 2,681.59

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lafayette Regional School District, appropriation	$105,382.25

SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

1971

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1971			$ 473.73

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation		$3,394.75	
Town of Easton, Kenney Fire		780.00	
Refund, Federal Communications Commission		20.00	
Sale of Fire Extinguishers		295.14	
Burning Grass, John C. Harman		25.00	
Donations		69.04	
Transfer from Littleton National Savings Account		75.00	
			4,658.93
			$5,132.66

PAYMENTS

Telephone		$ 343.62	
Electricity		75.42	
Fuel Oil		325.87	
Insurance Premiums		355.96	
Hunt's Garage		154.85	
Equipment			
Blanchard Association	$242.80		
Fire Protection Company	521.00		
State Chemical Mfg. Company	120.00	883.80	
Supplies, Miscellaneous		457.81	
Town of Sugar Hill		305.00	
Dues			
Twin State Firemens Assoc.	25.00		
N.H. State Firemens Assoc.	27.00	52.00	
			2,954.33
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1971			
Checking Account Balance		678.33	
Savings Account Balance		1,500.00	
			$2,178.33

David F. McPhaul

Treasurer

POLICE DEPARTMENT

TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, N. H.

Gary G. Young, Chief of Police

The following is a list of arrests made during the year of 1971:

3 for resisting arrest
7 for larceny
8 for possession of a controlled drug
2 for failure to answer a summons
2 for operating without protective eye cover
31 for speeding
4 for operating without a license
4 for operating an unregistered vehicle
6 for operating over the center line
12 for defective equipment
16 for operating an uninspected vehicle
3 for allowing an improper person to operate

Sugar Hill School about 1895. Left to right front row: Agnes Smith (Jesseman), Harold Smith, Flora Wells. 2nd row: Charlie Bedell, Frank Wells, Fontelle Smith (Elliott), Florence Batchelder, Florence Land. 3rd row: Unknown, Winnie Wells, Verner Bowles. 4th row: Unknown, Lucy Hildreth (Dexter), Julia Nickerson (Bowles), Teacher Miss Gertrude Vaughan, Elgia Bowles, Alice Bowles (Tefft), Warren Whipple.

SUNNYSIDE CEMETERY

Annual Financial Statement — December 31, 1971

Balance on Hand, December 31, 1970		$ 214.84

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation	$500.00	
Care of Lots	273.00	
Interest Drawn from Perpetual Care Fund	503.96	
Trustees of Trust Funds - Lisbon	18.58	
Perpetual Care	750.00	
Sale of Lots	200.00	
		2,245.54
Total Receipts		$2,460.38

EXPENDITURES

Labor	$1,134.50	
Maps - Copied	24.00	
Equipment	27.49	
Loam	19.25	
Supplies	34.89	
Safety Box	4.00	
Gift - Olive Standard - Copy Bylaws	10.00	
Transfer to Perpetual Care Fund	950.00	
Sale 5 Lots $200.00		
Perpetual Care 750.00		
Total Expenditures		$2,204.13
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1971		$ 256.25

Donald Jesseman
Treasurer

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Loretta Brown, librarian for several years who had done so much to get our library "on its feet" felt she could no longer continue and her resignation was accepted with regret May first.

Lucy Oakes did an admirable job of pinch hitting until Marion Sullivan took charge, in September. Mrs. Sullivan, who has recently moved to Sugar Hill, had previously taken a college course in library work and has completed the course on Book Selection offered at Plymouth State College this fall.

With the help of the State District Consultant, Ralph Riley, the New Hampshire books, fiction and non-fiction were catalogued and placed together for the convenience of patrons.

Memorial gifts were made by Mrs. James honoring Cornelia A. Gibbs and by Dr. and Mrs. Clark honoring Edwin MacEwan. Others were given by Mrs. Aubrey Reid, Mrs. Robert Loker, Mrs. Gilbert Oakes. Magazines were donated by the Littleton Garden Club and Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Glaessel.

Our rug in the reading room was cleaned, no charge, by a former resident, Clinton Underhill.

A criticism this fall which we considered unjust, never-the-less awakened us to the fact that the old New Hampshire habit of "making do", perhaps should be put aside for a time, so:

1. A much needed parking lot was provided diagonally across the street, through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Glaessel who loaned the land. The town officials graded it.
2. The bushes, which were overgrown, were trimmed and cut so the building is much more in evidence.
3. Needed electrical work was done, new fuse box, outlets, etc.
4. The chemical toilet, only a bit ahead of a "Chic Sales" must go! A fund for this project has been started, thanks to Mary Win Foss, Bill Baker and the Sugar Hill Improvement Association who sponsored the program East Africa Revisited by Dora and Bill Mann.
5. Running water in the building is desirable, and a long range goal, but problems concerning it seem insurmountable at present.

Books borrowed from the Bookmobile: 532 fiction, 418 non-fiction, 938 juvenile, 6 recordings for a total of 1894.

Although total attendance was down from 1970, the circulation of adult fiction increased and magazine circulation almost doubled. The library would like more children to take advantage of its facilities as few children visit which has accounted for the drop in attendance.

RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Balance, January 1, 1971			$ 274.41

RECEIPTS

From Town		$1,800.00	
From State		100.00	
Memorial Gifts		30.00	
			1,930.00
		Total Receipts	$2,204.41

EXPENDITURES

Librarian's Salary		$ 640.00	
Assistant Librarians		120.00	
New Books		578.60	
Magazines		45.17	
Maintenance:			
Bradley Presby - shoveling walks	$ 20.00		
John Aldrich - raking lawn	10.00		
Wayne Presby - mowing lawn	25.00		
Virgil Coffin - cutting bushes	21.00		
Don Jesseman - cutting and hauling bushes	40.00		
Kyle Coffin - shoveling walks	8.00		
D. F. Clark - electrical work	154.15		
Franconia Agency - insurance	145.00		
		423.15	
Cray Oil		188.00	
Public Service		74.55	
Miscellaneous:			
Librarian's supplies, stamps, box rent, etc.		32.10	
		Total Expenses	$2,101.57
Balance, January 1, 1972			$ 102.84

Mrs. Sullivan's report for 1971

Adult Non-fiction loaned	376
Adult Fiction loaned	952
Children's Books loaned	632
Magazines loaned	172
Recordings loaned	130
Grand Total	2262

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
No. Volumes beginning of year	3713	592	4305
No. Volumes added	111	44	155
Total	3824	636	4460
Discards	2	0	2
Total at end of year	3822	636	4458
Recordings owned	125	34	159
Magazines received	7	0	7

Total attendance - 1080

Gladys A. Jesseman, Chrm.
Rosalie Robertson
Lucy Oakes

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND DISTRICT CHIEF

LEST WE FORGET – IT CAN HAPPEN HERE

Disastrous forest and brush fires that destroy hundreds of homes are more prevalant on the west coast with their dry seasons and strong dry hot winds but 25 years ago this fall is the anniversary of a disaster that devastated large areas of northern New England leaving villages in ashes with rows of cellar holes and chimneys in a number of summer vacation home locations. Many lives were lost on that destructive day of October 23, 1947 nothing could stop the wind driven flames.

It is true that such conditions are unusual for New Hampshire but they happened once, they can happen again. The fuel for fires is all around us. All it takes is a firebrand. Only by cultivating a habit of carefulness with fire at all times can we meet the challenge of protection when dry conditions prevail. Please let these reminders be your guide:

1. Never, either when walking, riding or driving, discard a firebrand - a lighted match or a glowing cigarette.

2. Always obtain a permit for any outside burning. The burning of household rubbish is not permitted if your town has rubbish collection. Burning of grass or garden litter can be dangerous. See your warden first.

3. If you camp or picnic, be sure open fires are allowed and if they are, put them **dead out** when leaving.

4. **Most important** - instruct your children in the danger of the lighted match. A lighted match and dry grass or forest litter is a dangerous combination which leads to destructive loss and can lead to tragedy.

The past year - 1971 was a favorable year for the control of fires. There were too many fire starts in some towns. We thank those who remembered and ask others to heed Smokey's message.

Number of fires reported and acres burned - 1971 season:

STATE	463 fires -	160 acres
DISTRICT	19 fires -	11 1/4 acres
TOWN	0 fires -	0 acres

DISTRICT CHIEF
John Q. Ricard

FOREST FIRE WARDEN
Albert Aldrich

BIRTHS--1971

Date of Birth and Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
February 8, 1971						
David Farnsworth McPhaul, Jr.	M	David F. McPhaul	Dorothy C. MacEwan	Sugar Hill, N.H.	Wash.	Mass.
June 20, 1971						
Jane Amy Rosenberg	F	Peter S. Rosenberg	Elizabeth J. Hennecke	Sugar Hill, N.H.	Mass.	Mich.
November 20, 1971						
Heather Ellen Glenn	F	Stephen D. Glenn	Deborah J. Stevens		N.Y.	N.J.

MARRIAGES--1971

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each	Name of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
July 4, 1971 Sugar Hill, N.H.	Thomas Patrick O'Connor Virginia Elysa Perlo	St. Croix, V.I. Sugar Hill, N.H.	Thomas R. O'Connor Barbara D. Gumbel Sidney Perlo Margery Boochever	W. Wright Dannenbarger Justice of the Peace Goffstown, N.H.
July 4, 1971 Sugar Hill, N.H.	Michael Ernest Doolan Sandra Louise Gregg	Franconia, N.H. Sugar Hill, N.H.	Ernest F. Doolan Ina Marion Leighton Harry H. Gregg Rosemary Mallery	William Dearman Clergyman Sugar Hill, N.H.
September 18, 1971 Sugar Hill, N.H.	Jay L. Kriegel Joanne Connors	New York, N.Y. New York, N.Y.	Stanley Kriegel Charlotte Karish Joseph N. Connors Anna Ludden	Eugene J. Sack Rabbi Brooklyn, N.Y.
October 10, 1971 Sugar Hill, N.H.	Osec Dann Dewitt III Julia Elizabeth Cornell	Dalton, Pa. Bear Creek, Pa.	O. Dann Dewitt II Mary Adeline Hallstead John Black Cornell, Jr. Frances Ann Fraunfelder	Clinton H. Blake, Jr. Clergy Sugar Hill, N.H.

DEATHS--1971

Date and Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	M S W D	Occupation	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Sept. 22, 1971, Littleton, N.H.	Edwin H. MacEwan	69	Can.	M	M	Publisher	John MacEwan	Katie Harrison
Oct. 6, 1971, Littleton, N.H.	Patricia Swift	60	Ma.	F	D	Housewife	John Manning	Jane Ellen Forrest
Oct. 24, 1971, Hanover, N.H.	Oliver H. Straus	57	N.Y.	M	D	Ret. Phys.	Herbert Straus	Theresa Kuhn

Winter sports at Pecketts — 1920's